

This resolution was introduced at the Commission meeting on May 31st and it is to be called for a vote at the next meeting, on June 28, 2012.

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**TEMPORARY DISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION
NASSAU COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC MEMBERS**

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Members of the Nassau County Temporary Districting Advisory Commission are committed to a fair and transparent redistricting process guaranteeing the greatest degree of public participation and access possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commission supports the following goals:

- a. Districts shall maintain the core of existing districts and move as few residents as possible to new districts.
- b. Recognized and defined "communities of interest" shall be considered in the creation of districts.
- c. Village and community splits shall be minimized to the extent practicable.
- d. Districts shall contain as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants and may not exceed +5/-5% of the mean district population.
- e. Districts shall be compact and contiguous. No district shall be drawn to include land not connected by a bridge.
- f. Districts shall not be drawn to provide racial or language minority groups with less opportunity to participate in the political process and to elect candidates of their choice.
- g. Districts shall not be drawn to discourage competition or for the purpose of favoring or disfavoring incumbents or other particular candidates or political parties;
- h. The Commission shall use the official 2010 federal decennial census data provided by the NYS Legislative Task Force on Demographic Research and reapportionment (LATFOR) adjusted for prisoner population reallocation pursuant to Chapter 57, Title XX of the Laws of 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Commission shall hold public hearings in each township, at times convenient for afternoon and evening sessions, so that all Nassau residents have

- b. an opportunity to participate. Public hearings shall be held at locations accessible to large numbers of attendees and where public transportation and parking are available at all times.
- c. The Commission shall maintain a public internet website providing, at a minimum, relevant laws and data. The website shall post all public documents submitted to the Commission, including testimony, maps, and other material.
- d. All public hearings and meetings of the Commission shall be simulcast live over the internet. Copies of the video recording shall be posted to the Commission website within one week, and transcripts of the proceedings shall be posted to the Commission website as soon as they are available.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

- a. The Commission shall provide the county's two major political parties with equal staffing and budgets
- b. The Commission shall utilize outreach personnel to provide non-profit, civic and community organizations with information on the county redistricting process and how to get involved, submit maps and other proposals.
- c. The Commission shall hold all meetings open to the public, including meetings scheduled for the drafting of map proposals.